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8 fire departments battle blaze at VBT apartments

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Seven fire departments helped Van Buren Township fire fighters battle a blaze that erupted at about 9:23 p.m. in a vacant upper apartment in Building 34 of The Waverly (formerly Harbour Club apartments).

About 30 apartments were vacated and residents were unable to return for their belongings.

VBT Fire Chief David McNally said they are still investigating, but they believe the fire started after work was being done Friday in the apartment and workers left the bathroom vent fan on over the weekend to clear the air.

When they came back on Monday, they saw the fan had burned up and caused a fire that was out, Chief McNally said. They confirmed the fire was out but called the fire department around 5 p.m. to check. McNally said fire fighters pulled out a bunch of material from the area and used their thermo camera and confirmed the fire was out.

He said workers went back and checked the area to confirm, yet again, there was no fire, McNally said. Then, they checked again, he said.

"We believe this is the cause," said McNally of the blaze, noting there could have been embers down the line that they could not see. The investigation continues.

McNally said he was on the first engine that arrived at the scene after the 7:23 p.m. dispatch and fire was blazing up through the roof of Building 34. He said the fire burned across the roof and then down the side, with water and smoke damage to apartments below and around the fire. He said the damage can be seen from Denton Road, but most damage is between the buildings.

McNally said because of the high heat

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

A renovated Frosty Boy on Main Street officially opened at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 24, and not a second later, as customers got in line about 2:40 p.m. New owners Lisa and Ryan Taylor (State Farm Main Street) put out the welcome mat and finishing touches, including potted flowers, new picnic table umbrellas, and water bowls for the canines that frequent the downtown's favorite ice cream store. A new rooftop sign is nearly completed and will be installed where the old one is now and a Frosty Boy 3D is being added. Frosty Boy was built in 1959 and had several owners, the longest owner being Michael Foley, who owned it for 32 years and recently sold it to the Taylors.

Motorcyclist dies after two-vehicle collision on Savage

Jeremy Dezmond Holifield, 34, of Van Buren Township, died after the motorcycle he was riding collided with another vehicle as he was eastbound on Savage Road at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Kenneth Floro said the Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to Savage Road near the Wildbrook subdivision on the report of a two-vehicle, head-on collision that

involved a motorcycle.

Lt. Floro said the preliminary investigation showed the driver of the second vehicle was a 21-year-old Van Buren Township resident that was driving a 2016 Nissan Rogue westbound on Savage, turning southbound onto Wildbrook Drive, when she collided with the motorcycle.

Holifield received significant injuries during the accident and was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver was treated at the scene by HVA paramedics

and transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for evaluation.

The VBT Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct a follow-up investigation, collect data and secure physical evidence. Savage Road was closed for several hours Sunday afternoon for the investigation.

The accident remains under investigation and anyone with information or who witnessed this incident is asked to contact Lt. Floro at (734) 699-8930.

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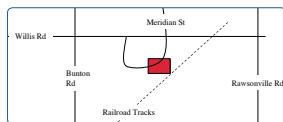
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VBT board approves shakeup in employees, raises for board

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There have been a lot of retirements at Van Buren Township, so the board of trustees at its May 18 zoom meeting approved restructuring of employees – and 5% raises for elected township officials.

Dan Selman, executive assistant to Supervisor Kevin McNamara, said that the assistant director of parks and recreation retired, along with the water and sewer director and water and sewer superintendent. He said also a lot of salaries are not in line with other communities and they have reevaluated compensation township-wide.

Supervisor McNamara said they have planned a bedrock for the township to grow to a premier community.

Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter explained the restructuring:

- Dan Selman's title changes from Executive Assistant to Deputy Supervisor;
- Elizabeth Renaud becomes Community Services Director with the new job description approved. She will head the combined services of Parks, Recreation, Senior Center, and the Belleville Area Museum under one umbrella;
- Split the Parks and Recreation Director to a Parks Director and a Recreation Director. This provides the Community Services Department with a Recreation Director to focus on programming and a future Parks Director whose primary role will be to improve the parks;
- Approved Tammy Dohring as Executive Assistant to the Public Services Director, since Renaud had moved up; and
- Approved a Salaried Employee Salary Scale to keep up with the job market.

The cost of the changes amounts to \$184,164, which will be taken from the fund balance. The changes are effective



Photo courtesy of VBT

On Friday, May 21, Dan Selman, left, was sworn in as the Deputy Supervisor for Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

immediately and will be on the pay period ending May 22.

Trustee Reggie Miller said all the board members met with Sumpter on this and there are no further questions.

Clerk Leon Wright thanked McNamara for directing Director Sumpter to work on this. "It is very well-deserved and needed," Clerk Wright said.

"We have a good team of highly intelligent people," McNamara said. "I'm glad they're in my life."

The board also approved 5% raises effective immediately for elected officials with the salaries for fiscal 2021:

- Supervisor: \$98,222;
- Clerk: \$94,347;
- Treasurer: \$94,347; and
- Trustees: \$18,059.

Sumpter said this is an effort to bring the

township salaries in line with the market which has to start at the board level.

Trustees are not afforded healthcare, effective Nov. 20, 2020, but they received \$300 monthly in lieu of coverage. The new figure is \$500.

Part of the resolution is a salary scale that lists the salaries from the new minimum this year through six steps to the maximum for elected officials, deputies, directors, superintendents, administrative, and coordinators/specialists.

In other business at the one-hour-and-40 minute zoom meeting on May 18 the board:

- Approved amendments to the PA 198 Tax Abatement Policy to give weight to companies including local talent recruitment and training, exceptional participation, and design benefits as part of their projects;

- Approved the agreement between the township and Wayne County Appraisal (WCA) for assessing services for three years, starting June 1, with the first year \$75,000, the second \$78,000 and the third \$81,120, with no fringe benefits. Township assessor Linda Stevenson is retiring June 1 after 32 years of service and so the township is contracting out for the service. The township requires a Level IV Assessor to authorize the assessing roll for Wayne County and the State of Michigan. A job posting for a Level IV Assessor was posted from March 20 to April 18 at \$80,000 to \$83,232, with no response. There are fewer than 120 Level IV Assessors in the state of Michigan. WCA also does assessing services for 35 Michigan communities, including Sumpter Township and the city of Belleville. Jennifer Stamper, who lives in Huron Township, will be in the VBT office;

- Approved the second – final – reading of an ordinance to clarify required minimum useable floor area per dwelling in independent senior housing developments and to allow additional signage in senior housing developments;

- Approved the reappointment of Denise Partridge to the Water and Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2023;

- Heard McNamara say he will bring a resolution to the next meeting's agenda to join the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township to request putting the tri-community in one legislative district. He also will have a plan at that meeting to open the senior center; and

- Heard Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglin say the Belleville Lake Fest will take place on June 25-27 and all the details are on the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce website.

Van Buren School Board to file unfair labor practices against VBEA

By Rosemary K. Oztman
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Following a closed-door session on Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to file unfair labor practice charges with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission against its teachers' union, the Van Buren Education Association.

The resolution that was passed said the VBEA, MEA/NEA, (further referred to as the Association) filed a grievance by a single teacher to challenge the caseload allocation for virtual teachers and the grievance was denied at all levels.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said one part of the teachers' contract refers to class sizes

and for the remote teaching the classes were made bigger for remote so they could have smaller in-person classes.

He said the Public Employment Relations Act has specific language on that.

On March 11, the Association indicated it would advance the grievance to Arbitration. On May 8, the Association's attorney asked the school district to select an arbitrator to hear the grievance concerning virtual teacher caseloads.

The resolution states that under Section 15(3)(h) of PERA, "decisions concerning use of technology to deliver educational programs and services and staffing to provide that technology, or the impact of those decisions on individual employees or

the bargaining unit" is a prohibited subject of bargaining.

Also, under Section 15(4) of PERA, "the matters described in subsection (3) are prohibited subjects of bargaining between a public school employer and a bargaining representative of its employees, and, for the purposes of this act, are within the sole authority of the public school employer to decide."

The board reviewed the draft of the Unfair Labor Practice Charge in closed session with its attorney and administration and then, in open session, authorized Supt. Kudlak in consultation with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to file any and all actions including, but not limited to, filings with

the Michigan Employment Relations Commission regarding the unfair labor practice, seek damages or injunctive action, and take other action as deemed necessary.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, June 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, June 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

"You have to be odd to be number one."
— Dr. Seuss

OPINIONS

Editorial

Ready to have some fun with food trucks, live bands?

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts in conjunction with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and funding by the Belleville DDA, is presenting a special treat on Wednesday, June 2, at the Fourth Street Place in front of the Belleville Area District Library and at the Fourth Street Square across the street.

It's the first in a series of four First Wednesday events that will feature food trucks and a live band on a stage. Fourth Street Place will be closed down from 5 to 9 p.m. for the food trucks, that are scheduled to serve from 6 to 8 p.m.

Across the street at Fourth Street Square they will have a stage with live music by Airy B, from 6 to 9 p.m. Belleville Police Reserve Officers will help people back and forth safely across Main Street.

Jennifer Winter of Egan's Pub, who serves on the DDA, reminded them people could order a drink with their meal and carry it while walking back and forth between the food trucks and the band, since the city has its Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in effect.

Upcoming bands include Paul Keller Grand Hotel Trio featuring Sarah D'Angelo on July 7, Paxton Spangler Band on Aug. 4, and Smoke Jones on Sept. 1. And, during the summer the city will have the First Wednesday event followed by the Music Lakeside on Thursday for back-to-back free bands. What fun!

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

We received a comment that went into our spam on May 15 and I just found it on Friday. The writer, AL, commented on something the city council discussed at its May 17 meeting. The message was: "is the black couch on Liberty between the police station and the fire house a new design for city benches? It's been sitting on the road/sidewalk for months. Hard to believe that it has gone unnoticed."

Council members had noticed it and discussed what to do about that and other problems in the city.

A week ago Wednesday, when we were delivering early papers in town, we saw a line of orange markers starting near Five Points in Belleville, heading out South Street to Sumpter Road and down Sumpter to Hull Road. This was a clue. By Friday, Sumpter Road was closed down to one lane as the road was being resurfaced. About 11:30 a.m. Friday we got Nixels from Van Buren Township PD, to avoid the area, and from Belleville PD advising of the roadwork.

Wayne County sure has a lot of surprises up its sleeve. The same sort of thing happened recently on East Huron River Drive, when roadwork popped up without warning. Reminds me of a few years ago when the county paved Judd Road, west of Sumpter Road, without informing the township first. Everybody likes smooth roads, but the surprises makes you wonder. Check out the roadwork list for the season and these projects are not there.

Last Thursday, May 20, Van Buren Township Police officers were dispatched to the wooded area under the Huron River

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Drive bridge sometime after 8:30 a.m. to check on a report of a family living under the bridge. Police Chief Jason Wright said police located them and assisted them with getting ahold of some family to come and pick them up.

When we were out delivering papers we saw three VBT police cars parked on the side of the hill above the river, but no officers could be seen. We were afraid there had been a drowning and they were down by the river. Glad that didn't happen.

Ginger Bruder brought me a flyer from the 1950s Lake Fest held in Belleville on Sept. 9, 1995. She wanted us to know the upcoming Belleville Lake Fest (June 25-27) wasn't the first Lake Fest held here.

The one-day, 1995 version started with Earth Angels at noon for a lip sync presentation of favorite '50s tunes. Then the Ski Club performed, followed by kids' contests, a mutt contest, a cat contest, pizza contest, Benny and the Jets performing live at Reflections Lakeside (now Johnny's on the Lake) and karaoke. There also were craft vendors, disc jockey, used book sale and bake sale by the Women of the Moose and go carts on display. This was all in the area of Horizon Park on High Street.

That was the year we started the *Independent* and we had pictures in the paper of the fun.

The Ski Club also will perform in 2021 during the Lake Fest. There are many events that will fill downtown Belleville

that weekend and the community can hardly wait to have some fun again.

A Van Buren Township reader got a message from the FBI telling him that stories about him dealing in pornography will be published on Google to all his friends unless he gets a Google Play card for \$100 immediately and text the numbers on it from the parking lot after he buys it at the Dollar Store.

Whoa. After he told me about it, I told him we get stories all the time like this and they are scams. Why would the FBI warn you by the internet and why would a Google card solve the problem. Our reader stepped back and said he wasn't thinking straight. The FBI guy scared him. When he went back to show me the message he got, it had been erased.

This is just to alert readers, again, not to believe those scam calls, texts, messages.

At Monday's school board meeting, Jason Salhaney, principal of Owen school, told of some of the activities they have had, including a 1.5-hour Road Rally that had families driving all over Belleville to follow clues. They got points for going to stores and the car wash and more if they bought something. Turned out a tie.



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Letters

There are things we hold in common

To the editor:

To those that have written in response to my earlier articles, I am genuinely grateful. You seem like compassionate people and the world could use more of that. You have also exemplified some very admirable traits.

First, you have expressed what can only be described as deeply held convictions. You believe some things to be right and others to be wrong. Second, you have courageously expressed your opinions, despite possible conflicts. And third, you have demonstrated that you don't like others telling you what you must do, especially the government. All of these are important and valuable concepts and I commend you for acting on them.

However, I urge you to consider that many others, your neighbors and fellow citizens, value these same concepts as well. They don't want the government to silence their opinions or force them to abandon their deeply held convictions either. They also don't want others telling them what they must do, especially the government. Just because an individual's view is different doesn't mean his right to express it is less important. It is for these reasons that the Equality Act raises concerns: concerns that should be debated and carefully weighed.

I appreciated one reader that invited further discussion. That is precisely what should happen: but first a few ground rules.

1. There should be no name calling. This is called an Ad Hominem attack. It is a logical fallacy. It avoids the substance of the message by attacking the character of the messenger. It's also not very friendly. Let's not do this.

2. We shouldn't criticize an argument because the speaker doesn't have the "right" credentials. This is called an Appeal to Authority and is also a logical fallacy. No one person, (or group of people), has secret knowledge, especially where the subject pertains to universal experiences. We can all contribute to the discussion.

3. Let's not dismiss an opinion by grouping it into a pre-packaged category. This is a shorthanded way of pre-judging an opinion without weighing the opinion on its merits. We would do well to avoid this.

Our community is full of bright and thoughtful people who have valuable things to offer simply for being humans. I urge you to tackle the difficult issues by persuasion instead of anger. Hopefully, we will all be the better for it.

Wayde Hoppe
Van Buren Township

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Girlstown now hiring residential staff

To the editor:

The outbreak of Covid-19 has had a substantial impact on American lives. Most of us, can list a myriad of ways that their lives are different now than they were just over a year ago. Guiding Harbor and the residents of Girlstown are no different.

Belleville has been the home to Girlstown since it was founded in 1958. Girlstown is a place for female youth, ages 10-17 years old, who are in foster care. Residents come to Girlstown because they have developed ineffective ways of managing their emotions or behavior due to the trauma they have experienced. Girlstown's goal is to help youth learn how to better manage their emotions and behaviors, to gain independent living skills, and have a safe place to thrive.

Pre-pandemic, the residents of Girlstown attended Van Buren Public Schools. They held jobs and participated in activities in the Belleville and surrounding communities – like going to the movies, skating, and window shopping. Girlstown takes pride in its youth being connected to the Belleville community as much as possible.

Once Covid-19 hit in the spring of 2020, everything came to a screeching halt. This was necessary because our residents live in a congregate setting, a prime setting for the easy spread of Covid-19 if we were not careful. Staff were all required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and to complete daily health screenings. Visitors were no longer permitted at the residence. All community employment and activities stopped, and school moved to a virtual platform. The residents who once felt connected to the Belleville community, were even more isolated.

The staff and residents of Girlstown made the best of this by being creative with games and activities that could be done at the building. Staff were incredibly responsible and followed safety precautions at work and at home. Many staff chose to get vaccinated against Covid-19 to help reduce the potential for serious illness and spread of the virus.

A year later, some of the strict guidelines have been relaxed to some degree. The staff and residents of Girlstown are safe and healthy and have remained so throughout the year. As the Guiding Harbor CEO, I take great pride in ensuring staff and all those under our care and supervision are as safe and healthy as possible.

Girlstown is currently hiring Residential Treatment Staff for morning, afternoon, and midnight shifts; this role is essential to ensuring that the youth are fully supported by caring adults they can trust. If you or someone you know would like to make an impact and *improve the quality of life* for the youth of Girlstown, please consider applying at www.guidingharbor.org. Or, call (734) 697-7242 with questions.

Sincerely,
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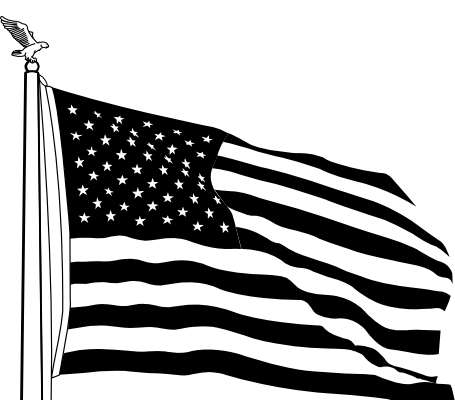
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Obituaries



Amber Nicole King

AMBER NICOLE KING

(May 4, 1992 - May 9, 2021)

Amber Nicole King was born on May 4, 1992 to Teresa B. King. Amber was the eldest of three children with brother Henry and sister Tiona. Trusting in God's Providential hand, Amber Nicole King departed this life on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at the tender age of 29. We come to this place in order to celebrate the many memories and to affirm the promise that strengthened Amber in her living and dying.

Amber grew up in the Ypsilanti-Belleville area and was educated in the Belleville School system graduating in 2011. She joined the workforce, seeking the ideal career as she began to plot her course in the adult world. She worked many times as a caregiver for individuals with mental health challenges because it was a passion dear to her heart. No matter what Amber did, family was her focus. She had the biggest heart and was willing to help anyone, family or friend, no matter what.

Amber leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memory of her son, Carter; her mother, Teresa King; her siblings, Tyler, Henry, and only sister Tiona of Belleville; two stepbrothers, David and Richard of Canton; her Nana and Papaw, Harve and Janice Oliver of Sumpter Twp.; a loving host of Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins; Special family, Preacher & Ms. Pat Warlick of Ypsilanti; Best friend, Donald; and a host of other relatives and beloved friends. Waiting for her on the other side is her dad Mitchell King Jr., her two uncles Eddie and Rev. Fred Oliver, two cousins, great-grandparents, and several special friends dear to her heart. Our comfort comes from knowing that to absent from the body is to be present with the lord.

Services were held at the River of Life Church on Sumpter Road in Belleville, MI. Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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James Michael Scherer

JAMES MICHAEL SCHERER

(December 14, 1948 - May 19, 2021)

James Michael Scherer, age 72, a longtime resident of Belleville, passed away on May 19, 2021, in hospice care in Jackson, Michigan. He was born on December 14, 1948, to Carroll Scherer and Olive (Stone) Scherer. James worked as a Design Engineer in the automotive field. James had a great passion for science, specifically in astrophysics, enjoyed his cigars and drinking Diet Pepsi. James also enjoyed listening to the news, especially NPR. He was better known as "Papa" by his family and was proud of his canine and feline companions Lulu and Jonas which he called his "kids." He was married to his best friend Donna Scherer in 1969 and they enjoyed 50 wonderful years of marriage.

James is survived by his son Brian (Gina) Scherer, and his beloved grandchildren, McKenna Scherer, and Charles and Jayden Butler. James was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Scherer in 2019 and his daughter, Tina Blum in 2016.

There was a visitation on Saturday, May 22, 2021, with a 1 p.m. service, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500, with burial at Alban Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

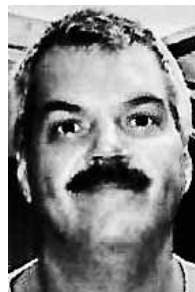
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BARBARA JEAN COPELAND

(January 28, 1930 - May 22, 2021)

Age 91, of Belleville. Survived by three children: Brenda Heppner, Dennis Copeland, and Wayne Copeland; 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Robert C. McDougall

ROBERT C. McDOUGALL

(April 22, 1963 - May 18, 2021)

Robert C. McDougall, age 58, of Belleville, died May 18, 2021. Funeral services were held at noon Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd. Fenton, MI 48430. Interment will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Visitation was held 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Robert was born April 22, 1963 in Garden City, the son of Charles Grant and Jeanette Marie (Rese) McDougall.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was so very proud of his service. Robert was employed by Delta Airlines Cargo at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for many years. He was an avid bowler and golfer. Robert was also football fanatic. He was a never serious but always caring father and recently grandfather.

Surviving are: daughter, Alexandra McDougall of Howell; son, David McDougall of Fenton; grandson, Ashton Smith; mother, Jeanette McDougall; two brothers, Dennis McDougall and Daniel McDougall; sister, Katherine McDougall; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his brother, Ronald. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

Correction: VBT DDA voted for \$1.137 million, not \$1.37 million

On page 3 of the May 20 edition of the *Independent*, in a headline we said the amount approved by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority was \$1.37 million, when the figure should have been \$1.137 million. The story had the figure right, but the headline was incorrect. We regret the error. Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



VBT fire

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and the time it took to get to all the fire spots they were there until 5 a.m. and had help from other departments. VBT and Romulus had their fire-fighting towers at work. Also present were fire fighters and equipment from Sumpter Township, Belleville, Canton, Pittsfield Township, Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township.

He said the Red Cross and Belleville Fire Auxiliary were there with water and snacks. Egan's Pub donated 10-15 pizzas and the Heart organization from Washtenaw County, that helps displaced residents, was there from about 11 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with water and snacks.

McInally said although it was hot and many suffered from the heat, Huron Valley Ambulance crews checked out fire fighters and residents and nobody was transported.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 up to 71, positive tests at 3,402

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew to 71 as of Monday, May 24, according to the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,402 on Monday, May 24, up from 3,363 the previous Monday, May 17.

On Monday, May 24, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,267 positive cases, 39 deaths; city of Belleville, 487 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 648 positive cases, 10 deaths.

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Belleville DDA allocates \$1,000 to cover band for First-Wednesday event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On May 19, members of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority discussed at length the First-Wednesday summer event that was to kick off June 2 and feature a live band on a stage with four or five food trucks nearby to serve the public.

This First-Wednesday event has been approved to take place from about 6 to 9 p.m. on Fourth Street Place, in front of the district library. The next events are July 7, Aug. 4, and Sept. 1.

After much discussion, the DDA voted unanimously to allocate up to \$1,000 for the band.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host the event, so the DDA isn't hosting events.

At the April meeting, Ken Voigt, representing the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and Music Lakeside, asked the DDA for \$3,000 to cover bands for the four events. The DDA needed more information and agreed to vote on it at its May meeting.

Voigt did not attend the May 19 meeting.

Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams had concerns about whether the \$3,000 was just for the band. She asked if they could cut a check only after they know what the cost is. Voigt had said some bands are \$750 and some are more.

Jason Mida agreed that Williams had legitimate concerns and the DDA doesn't have hard figures. "I don't think we should just cut a check for \$3,000 ... but break it up into four bands and separate motions."

Mayor Kerreen Conley said when Music Lakeside was starting, the DDA helped with donations, but required details, such as just who was coming and the exact amount. She said they could require details now and write the check the night of the event after they were sure the band was there and was performing. She questioned giving \$3,000 and noted this needs to be transparent.

She said a lot of groups became successful after the DDA helped them start up.

DDA member Kelly McWilliams said she was working with a group called Food Trucks to

You and she is trying to get three to five trucks for the June 2 event. She said Wednesday is a popular day for food trucks. McWilliams said the money they were seeking from the DDA was just for the bands and the trucks would come without cost to the community.

There was a lot of discussion and then Mayor Conley asked if anyone has talked to the library and McGovern said, "Not to my knowledge."

"We're closing the entrance to the library," said Mayor Conley. "Don't you think the library should know we're closing the street?" McGovern said she would let them know.

Williams said she asked that question at the last meeting and, "It's only a courtesy to let them know."

Nobody knew of any plans for a rainout and McWilliams said, "I sure they don't want food in the library."

After more discussion Williams made a motion to write a check for up to \$750 for the band and Mida seconded it. After more discussion, that motion was withdrawn and a motion was made by McWilliams, seconded by secretary Denise Baker, to write a check up to \$1,000. This motion was passed.

In other business at the one-hour-and-14-minute zoom meeting on May 19, the DDA:

- Approved the 2021-22 DDA budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, made up of Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams and Secretary Denise Baker. William said it was pretty much like last year. Total revenue and expenditures balanced at \$835,445, with revenues up from last year's \$806,738;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley report that the city council wants to try to get the DDA budget to it by April, so it can be included in the city budget that goes to a public hearing June 7 without having to be amended. DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said the DDA doesn't get the revenue numbers until the end of April. She said the city has not been able to give the DDA the numbers it needs to complete the budget and, "It has to be a push on either side." Mayor Conley said the city can give the DDA its budget schedule next year so the city budget, which contains the DDA budget, can be adopted at the first meeting in June. "We

can work together and get this done," said DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern;

- Discussed the city's help with interim support in light of Thompson's resignation as of June 1. Chairperson McGovern said he reached out to City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson and he offered the services of police records clerk Brianna Hootman to make sure the notes and agendas for the DDA meetings are prepared. McGovern said she hopes to have something put together in a week and a half and a special meeting may be set;

- Heard Thompson report that Van Buren Township has started work on the Iron Belle Trail connector from Van Buren Park to downtown Belleville and the DDA should be looking at signage it wants to erect for this. Also, paddle boats are a new business in the city, putting people out on the lake. They are based on lawn space behind what used to be Chesley Odom's office and now is a medical health professional's office. Also, the placemaking on the Fourth Street is on the edge of completion. She said a tree had an

altercation with a car and the landscaping guys are working with the tree. The benches are in and there are flowers to plant; and

- DDA members thanked Thompson for her service since this was her last meeting. Thompson said she was going to take some time, be Up North this summer, and figure out her next move. Williams said she is not happy with Thompson leaving and tried to get her to stay, but she knows herself that when it's time to go, it's time to go. Mayor Conley read a prepared statement on Thompson's value to the community and how she will be missed. "It's been an incredible ride," Thompson said, "working with people who want the community to be the best it can be."

[On Friday, a special DDA meeting was announced for 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, via zoom to consider the DDA coordinator's position. According to the agenda, one of the options to be presented was to have the soon-to-be-appointed assistant city administrator share this DDA position along with whether to have this a full-time or part-time position.]



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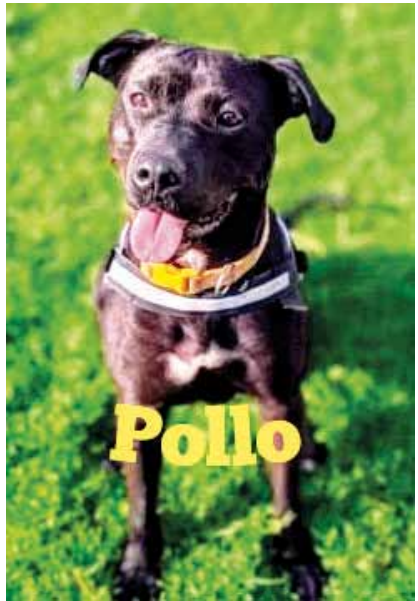
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Sumpter Township updates year-old COVID-19 plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting via zoom on May 11, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved a revised COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, replacing the March 2020 plan.

Finance Director Michelle Cole said she worked with attorneys to remove the terminology that was out of date and added relevant laws and put them together.

Trustee Matt Oddy said he wanted to change the wording on who would be "worksites coordinator," removing Cole's name and adding the supervisor or his or her designee.

"The preparedness plan has to be followed," said township attorney Rob Young. "If you don't, MIOSHA could file a violation."

The board unanimously approved the plan with the addition of Trustee Oddy's amendment.

In other business during the one-hour-and-six-minute township meeting, the board:

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush add a last-minute item to the agenda for the township board to pay half of the \$3,150 cost to replace signs for Banotai/Sherwood Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission would pay the other half. Rush said some of the signs are in

pretty bad shape and are bent and fading. The board added the item to the agenda and then approved it;

- Heard Supervisor Tim Bowman announce the Futernick case is finally settled and the township received over 100 permit requests from the owner of the mobile home parks. He also announced that Forgotten Harvest has announced it is looking forward to setting up in Sumpter Township to service the community. He also said Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Cole has obtained \$30,000 in grants for COVID-19;

- During his attorney's report, Young said the order was entered with the court that day settling the Futernick lawsuit, after 2.5 decades of on-and-off litigation. He also included in his report a resolution on a new policy on paying off exiting employees. When the board approved his report, that included approving the resolution;

- Heard Trustee Peggy Morgan ask Young about what's going on with the Moose. Young said the Moose is unable to complete the land contract and the property will go back to the township without penalty. He said he understands that Moose International will give it back to the township. He said three months ago he had a meeting with Moose manager Robert Coutts. Payments had been suspended to the township, but they were due to be restarted on March 1. "I'm still waiting for confirmation and am not dealing with rumor or innuendo," Young said. Trustee Morgan asked if it wouldn't have been better to let the whole board know what was going on, when he knew for three months. Young said he didn't know for sure but in the future if it's something the board needs to know, he'll tell them. "If they made it public and put it in the paper, it's up to them," Young said. Morgan said she was never notified by the township or the Moose, although she is a member of Women of the Moose, and she had to read about it in the paper;

- Approved a motion to extend zoom meetings through the month of May and stop zoom meetings when the state mandate ends; and

- Discussed a request by avid recycler Brian Blackburn to make the rules clear at the recycling center. He wants to know if items need to be sorted or not sorted, because it changes. He asked for consistency. Board members suggested the basic rules be put on a sign there and rules also should be on the website.

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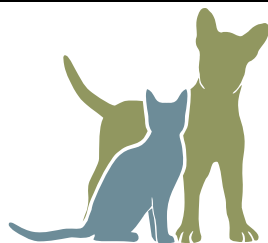
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VBT moves forward on getting intersection cameras for police

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara told the stories of several, unsolved drive-by shootings in the township over the past few years and said that is why he personally is putting forward a plan to get surveillance cameras at intersections that can record license plates.

At the May 18 zoom meeting of the township board, Supervisor McNamara said two years ago some yahoo did a drive-by shooting and went to the freeways and got away. He referred to the drive-by shooting in Belleville, where they did get a license plate number and recovered the car carrying the shooter.

He said in VBT, seven bullets were put into a woman's car at her \$300,000 home at 11:43 a.m. The shooter got away and then there was another shooting at that location and the shooter got away again, he said.

"London does this," McNamara said, saying the cameras at freeway entryways allow police to get the plate numbers.

[The *Independent* asked VBT Police Chief Jason Wright for details on Supervisor McNamara's statement about shootings. Chief Wright said, "Over the last couple of years we have had some shots fired at various locations throughout the township at apartment complexes, single-family dwelling neighborhoods, and a couple of businesses in which we did not get a license plate and all we had was a vehicle make and model and color. Many times, the individuals knew each other and refused to cooperate with identifying anyone. These shots fired were not just random incidents. I believe the incidents that Kevin McNamara was generalizing and commenting on ... were the same shooting. We caught that individual a few weeks later; however, it was very hard to identify that suspect who was seen in a silver or white Cadillac with no license plate description. We have experienced some violent crime within the township, as well (couple of homicides), in which a camera system could have aided our investigative efforts with potentially capturing a suspect vehicle, license plate, or direction of travel. I hope this helps explain it better, and, yes, from time to time we have investigated a shots-fired call in which

we could not identify a suspect or suspect vehicle, however, fortunately no one was hit or hurt."]

A viewer said online at the zoom meeting that he thinks the intersection cameras are a good idea and asked if the technology searched databases for information on the plate or does that have to be done manually?

McNamara's assistant Dan Selman said there is technology to identify license plate numbers at speeds up to 80 mph. The quote of \$287,149.21 is just a reference, since there are different things that can be included in the technology, Selman said.

Kevin Taylor of Axis Communications Intersection Solution, based in Atlanta, outlined the worldwide services of the company. Jason Hanse of Metro Detroit

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VB Community Soccer Select try-outs set for Saturday, June 12

Save the date: Van Buren Community Soccer Select try-outs will be held on Saturday, June 12, at Quirk Park, behind the Van Buren Township hall.

Registration will be at the Concession Stand building, but players can sign up at <https://forms.gle/Zk6vcmmJbL4P2XpQ9>.

Those interested can also visit the website for more information:

<http://vanburenpride.gotsport.com>.

Email the group with any questions at vbcsapresident@gmail.com.

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Belleville High School Senior Alaya Mack has accepted academic and athletic scholarships from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC, to further her education and also to continue playing the sport she loves the most, soccer. She is surrounded by her BHS teammates at the signing. They said Alaya has worked very hard and they cannot wait to see what the future holds for her. "Congratulations, Alaya, keep working hard and never stop smiling! Your Belleville community is cheering you on!" they said.



Photo courtesy BHS Sports Department

Belleville High School senior Gabriel Baynesan has signed for swimming at Alma College.

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School Board approves Nicole Crockett as BHS principal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved hiring Nicole Crockett, co-principal of Romulus High School, as the new principal of Belleville High School.

She replaces Stacey Buhro, who was named principal in August 2016 and has retired.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said 39 people had applied for the position and 20 BHS staff worked on the selection.

On Monday he referred to Crockett as a "dynamic person," and said, "It was a tough choice in the final round." He said Crockett knows instruction "inside and out" and she will be able to assist her teachers. Supt. Kudlak said she had 14 years in education. Crockett had been in her current position

in Romulus since February 2018. She also served as interim superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools from March to August, 2020. She served as Instructional Coach/PD Facilitator for Wayne RESA from 2007 to 2018.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Witnessed Felicia Frederick, a reading intervention teacher at Savage Elementary, be awarded the Kiwanis Teacher of the Year Award from 2020. The award was presented by Kiwanis president Angela Lee and Karen Mida;

- Approved a total project cost of \$216,410 for the AV System for the Early Childhood Development Center from bond money. Digital Age Technologies is contracted for \$132,450 and Security 101 for \$64,286 with a 10% project contingency of \$19,674;

- Approved purchase of student Chromebooks for 1-1 deployment at Owen for fifth graders and at BHS for incoming freshmen. These computers will be with the students through high school. Cost is \$220,040 for 800 units with cases, from the 2021-22 enhancement millage. Sehi Computing is supplying and preparing the Chromebooks;

- Approved the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES program) for \$28,290.60, as recommended by Karen Johnston, Student Services Director. The hands-on program provides assessment of career potential and employability skills;

- Appointed board vice president Susan Featheringill as representative to the Wayne RESA ISD board election, with Simone Pinter as alternate. The board approved their vote would be for James Petrie of Northville for a six-year term, the only candidate for that position on the June 7 ballot;

- Approved the Nov. 9-12 field trip for about 225 sixth graders, with high school counselors, to YMCA Camp Copneconic in Fenton, with students paying \$200, with fundraisers available if needed;

- Heard presentations from Edgemont Elementary and Owen Intermediate on initiatives and updates on their COVID-19 School Safety Plans;

- Approved hiring the following teachers

for the upcoming school year: Jamie Sheldon and Emily Stratton, McBride Middle School; Shelby Fitzsimmons and Michelle St. Cyr, elementary schools to be determined; and Sarah Lapp, Noah Silveri, and Vodrick Martin, BHS; and

- Approved resignations of non-instructional staff: Sarah Drummonds, Transportation, moved after four years of service; JoAnn Lipford, Tyler Elementary, retired after 33 years of service; Gina Murphy, Administration Building, resigned after four years of service; Patricia Coyle, Owen Intermediate, retired after 27 years of service; and Amy Sherman, Food Service, resigned after 13.5 years of service.

Cooper, Gohl, Dochych honored by Southern New Hampshire Univ.

Aimee Cooper, Heidi Gohl, and Nicholas Dochych of Belleville have been named to the Southern New Hampshire University Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits.

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Memorial Day service in Belleville to be low-key, with no street closing

A short, quiet Memorial Day service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Veterans' Memorial on High Street in downtown Belleville.

John Blackstone, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434, said the event will not be the big ceremony it has been before COVID, but will be low-key, with no wreath laying and no street closing.

He said the VFW and the Polish Legion of American Veterans had held off on plans for Memorial Day this year because of the coronavirus and then the governor started loosening up the restrictions.

In the past, Memorial Day was marked with a ceremony that included folding chairs on a closed High Street for the public, food, music, wreath laying, names read of those veterans who died over the past year with a hand bell rung for each name, and stories about local veterans whose names are on the monument.

Memorial Day weekend features flights on Huey, transport at Yankee Air

Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport will be flying its UH-1 Huey *Greyhound* helicopter on Saturday, May 29, and *Hairless Joe*, the C-47 troop transport, on Sunday, May 30, to start off Memorial Day weekend.

"We are encouraging everyone to take a ride on the adventurous side this holiday weekend," said Kevin Walsh, President and CEO, Yankee Air Museum, in offering rides on the aircraft to the public.

"Our World War Two-era C-47 and Vietnam-era UH-1 Huey are each the venerable workhorse of the conflict in which they flew. People flying on these aircraft pay homage to the men and women who sacrificed so much for us. Their support keeps us flying."

Air Adventure rides on the Huey are available every 15 minutes beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, and running into the afternoon. Rides are \$99 for an eight-minute flight. These flights originate from the north lot of Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Rides on the C-47 are scheduled for 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 30. The rides last 20 minutes and cost \$195. These flights depart from Yankee Air Museum's Bay 7 at Hangar 1, Willow Run Airport, West Side, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

To book a flight visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and click on "Fly with Us." Additional flight times may be added, on both days, as customer demand warrants.

Yankee Air Museum will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **3:00 p.m. on June 3, 2021**, for the Parking Lot Renovations Project at Savage Elementary School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud via Microsoft Teams meeting immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Savage Elementary School Main Entrance, 42975 Savage Rd, Belleville, MI 48111, on **May 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

All Bids must be addressed to Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111 Attention: Mr. James Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=36b03ccf06ff4d499c26c223cc4ca3ba>

Documents will be available for viewing on **May 19, 2021**. Any questions, contact Rob Kakoczki, Plante Moran Cresa, at rob.kakoczki@plantemoran.com.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2021

ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 973 2472 0918 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Police Chief Wright, Public Services Department Director Best, Developmental Services Director Power, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Park and Recreation Director Zaenglein, Representatives from Axis Communications and MDIS, Representative from WCA, Communication Specialist Nichols and a maximum audience of thirty-two (32).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021, Prepaid List of May 6, 2021, Prepaid List of May 13, 2021, Voucher List of May 18, 2021 and approval of the re-appointment of Denise Partridge to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2023. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, and Miller. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE/

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

The Belleville Lake Festival is a "GO!" events will take place June 25-27 throughout the community to include a kayak scavenger hunt, movie in the park, fun run, pub crawl, fishing tournament, juried artisan market, food trucks and so much more. A complete list of events can be found at www.bellevilleareachamber.org; City of Belleville passed a Resolution supporting an initiative to make Belleville, Sumpter Twp., and Van Buren Twp. a "Community of Interest" District with representation. This Resolution will be brought forward to Sumpter Twp. and Van Buren Twp. to consider approval of this Resolution at the next meeting.; Wayne County Commission passed virtual meetings through June 30th; observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Lillian Dickerson who recently passed away at the age of 95 and had donated the property where Fire Station #1 sits; the LDFA will be heading a Remembrance Ceremony for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 spearheaded by John Delaney this September 11th at Grace Lake Corporate Center; announced the Van Buren Today magazine is being mailed to households this week focusing on encouraging members of our community to get vaccinated so we can get back to normal and announced the retirement of Superintendent Marty Ladd.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Resident questioned if the Senior Center would be opening soon. Board members are discussing ways to open the center under current guidelines but have not reached a decision and resident commented that intersection cameras cannot come soon enough in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Budd seconded to open discussion on intersection cameras to support Public Safety investigations.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the amendments to the PA 198 Tax Abatement Policy. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Martin, Miller. Absent: Trustee Frazier (briefly stepped away from the meeting) Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2021-13: Agreement between the Township and Wayne County Appraisal (WCA) for Assessing Services. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Miller seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-12: Township Employee Restructuring. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2021-11: To establish Township Officers adjustment to salary and update the Elected Officials manual section for the healthcare In-Lieu of stipend. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 5-4-21(1) to clarify required minimum useable floor area per dwelling unit in independent senior housing developments and to allow additional signage in senior housing developments. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, Martin, Miller. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: May 27, 2021

VBT cameras

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Integrated Systems showed the seven intersections in the township targeted for cameras to read license plate numbers:

- Ecorse Road/Haggerty Road
- Belleville Road/Van Born Road
- Haggerty Road/I-94 N. Service Drive
- Haggerty Road/I-94 S. Service Drive
- Belleville Road/I-94 N. Service Drive
- Belleville Road/I-94 S. Service Drive
- Rawsonville/S. Grove Road

McNamara said there is new technology that reads the license plates and Belleville is going to get that for their cars. "It's cutting edge and could link with a database," McNamara said.

Taylor said there is an option to link it to the NCIC national information center. "There are a lot of options," he said, noting it could be streamed to a service for more powerful reading. He said in Ogden, Utah, there was a high-level criminal caught within days using this Recor service.

"We use videos every single day," said Police Chief Wright, in explaining the use of videos. He said most retail stores have videos and what the township is presenting is just another way. He said this service provides outstanding clarity, adding store camera resolution sometimes is not clear. "We use videos all the time."

Trustee Reggie Miller said surveillance plays a powerful role in safety for residents. She asked if the cameras could be paired with a weather station. She also asked the cost to maintain the system.

Taylor said the weather station idea was started up in Italy and basically turns the cameras into weather stations and alert them to dangerous situations on the roadways. As to the physical maintenance, there is no physical maintenance on the cameras. They have remote zoom and focus capabilities. The cleaning of the face or dome of the camera need to be done from time to time, but you don't have to touch the equipment.

McNamara said he estimates maintenance of 5% a year, about \$20,000.

Taylor said there are concerns by the public

on surveillance and so a general policy should be drafted covering primary use, how long to store data, whether it can be shared and whether it is compliant with the Freedom of Information Act.

Chief Wright said the plan is to maintain data for 30 days and then write over it. He said after an incident, they would go to the data and retain it. They would not be holding a tremendous amount of data.

Trustee Kevin Martin asked if the cameras are motion-triggered. Taylor said they could be and in the past they were because of the storage cost. But now the cost has come down and there is a leaner data stream. He said they could look at motion-triggered.

Hanse said there is a hard-wire connection, 30 days retention and continuous recording.

Taylor said some of the incidents happen in broad daylight and some people look at the cameras and see them and do crimes where the cameras are.

"Our industry does not have a good reputation," Taylor said. "Stores buy the least expensive, with poor images." He said New Orleans excluded the concept of using

the camera to deter or solve crimes and use it to save time and increase efficiency for emergency first responders.

Trustee Martin said this is a good idea for the township and a good tool for the Public Safety Department. He asked if the cameras will cover two lanes.

Paige Reid, manufacturing representative, said it could cover one to three lanes, depending on the lens size and video.

"It's not going to stop crime," McNamara said, adding when the yahoos flee to the freeway, the police will get their plate numbers.

Clerk Leon Wright said he fully supports the project and agrees it won't stop crime, but it definitely will put a dent in crime, using high-quality equipment.

Trustee Donald Boynton concurred with Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin, adding he is quite familiar with the software from his previous employment.

McNamara said they have a quote and could put it out to bid and look at what the township wants and doesn't want.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 5-4-21(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 5-2-17(2) AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR HOUSING TO ADD CLARIFICATION ON UNIT SIZE AND SIGNAGE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1- ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to this Ordinance, the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with the below text upon the effective date of this Amendment:

Section 5.143. Senior Housing

(C) Required Site Minimum Usable Floor Area in Square Feet Per Dwelling Unit.

- (1.) Independent Living Units: Efficiency/studio and one-bedroom dwelling units: 650 square feet; Two-bedroom dwelling units: 850 square feet. Common-space/community space/spaces with amenities within the building can be included in the required per-unit usable floor area calculation, not to exceed a maximum of 10% of the unit size. Community space/common areas shall include recreation rooms, library, spa, dining areas, game rooms and similar areas of congregation within the building. Balconies, decks, patios, unenclosed open spaces, elevators, utility rooms, storage rooms for units, corridor space and similar areas shall not be included in such determination.

Refer to Section 2.102 (233) for definition of usable floor area.

- (2.) State of Michigan licensing requirements regulate Assisted Living Unit size.

- (3.) No living unit within a senior housing development may contain more than two (2) bedrooms.

- (G) **Signs.** The sign standards in Article 11 shall apply to all senior housing developments. Specific sign standards for senior housing developments shall be the same as the sign size and placement requirements as the underlying zoning district, except that if wall signs are used, they are restricted to limits of Section 11.108(A).

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - REPEALER

All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under the Zoning Ordinance, or any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

SECTION 6 - ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren at a meeting duly called and held on the 18 day of May 2021 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Adopted: May 18, 2021

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, May 27** – Free food every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at BE Church, 494 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, <https://bechurchfood.com/>.
- **Monday, May 31** – A short, quiet Memorial Day service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial on High Street in downtown Belleville. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 Commander John Blackstone said the event will not be the

big ceremony it has been before COVID, but will be low-key, with no wreath laying and no street closing.

- **Tuesday, June 1** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need. You can also get food for neighbors and friends/relatives.
- **Tuesday, June 1** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

- **Wednesday, June 2** – Food trucks and live music on Fourth Street Place, in front of the library in downtown Belleville. Street closed 5-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 3** – Free food every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at BE Church, 494 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, <https://bechurchfood.com/>.

- **Thursday, June 3** – Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 5:45 p.m., Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.
- **Saturday, June 5** – Flower sale at the Fourth Street Square 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Huron Valley Conservation Association as a fund-raiser for its ongoing conservation projects. Flowers to enjoy and flowers and vegetables to plant.

- **Monday, June 14** – State Rep. Ranjeev Puri is holding a virtual coffee hour from noon to 1 p.m. it is being live streamed via YouTube and social media. You can reach his office by phone at (517) 373-2575 and by email at RanjeevPuri@house.mi.gov.
- **Thursday, June 24** – The Bugs Beddow Band is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Thursday, July 1** – Downriver Dan is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Wednesday, July 7** – Food truck and live music on Fourth Street Place, in front of the library in downtown Belleville. Street closed 5-9 p.m.

- **Thursday, July 8** – The Bobby Murray Band with Tosha Owens and Lenny Watkins is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Thursday, July 15** – Motor City Soul is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Thursday, July 22** – Magic Bus is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Thursday, July 29** – Twistin' Tarantulas is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 4** – Food truck and live music on Fourth Street Place, in front of the library in downtown Belleville. Street closed 5-9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Aug. 5** – Alan Turner & The Steel Horse Band is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Thursday, Aug. 12** – Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.
- **Thursday, Aug. 19** – Holly and the Johnnies is featured at the 7 p.m. free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park in Belleville.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1** – Food truck and live music on Fourth Street Place, in front of the library in downtown Belleville. Street closed 5-9 p.m.

Birthdays

- May 17 – Carlene Stoner
- May 28 – Jodi Mills
- May 29 – Tina Steger, Scott Martin, Jo Gardner
- May 30 – Wendy Marecle
- June 1 – Nathan Millard
- June 3 – Issaic Dabney, Shawnee Lawson
- June 11 – Duane Hines
- June 18 – Patty Hines

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 221 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, May 16:

0008 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
0902 – malicious destruction of property, Andover
0923 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
0936 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1150 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
1315 – noise complaint, Filmore St.
1323 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1319 – 911 welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1328 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1510 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
1539 – traffic offense, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1542 – larceny, Harmony Ln.
1606 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.
1835 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood
2253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2251 – suicidal person, Lighthouse Dr.
2342 – domestic, Lake Point Blvd.

Monday, May 17:

0053 – warrant arrest, Huron Twp. PD
0543 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr. /
Beckley Rd.
0609 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94
Service Dr.
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1041 – private property/property damage accident,
S. I-94 Service Dr.
1115 – follow up by officer, Parkwood Dr.
1134 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty
Rd.

1353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
1450 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1558 – misc. complaints, Pine Forest
1845 – threat, Landmark
1920 – 911 welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1944 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1947 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2031 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.
2106 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
2200 – assist other dept., Colony Ln.
2207 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Tuesday, May 18:

0122 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0539 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0652 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
0709 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0748 – larceny from auto, Independence Ln.
0757 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0811 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0817 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
0822 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0828 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0922 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1028 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
1036 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1042 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1323 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1408 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1422 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
1534 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1535 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
1836 – domestic, Birch Dr.
1842 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2037 – traffic offense, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, May 19:

0030 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0032 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr. /
N. I-94 Service Dr.
0547 – 911 welfare check, Mott
0559 – road hazard, Beck/Ecorse
0936 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. /
Hannan Rd.
1137 – larceny, Westlake Cir.
1153 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. I-94 /
Belleville Rd.
1340 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1538 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1549 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.
1941 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2003 – suspicious person/vehicle, Solitude Ln.
2031 – threat, Clayton Rd.

2054 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Filmore St.
Thursday, May 20:
0026 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd.
0255 – threat, Denton Rd.
0401 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
0907 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
1025 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1031 – traffic offense, Hannan Rd.
1135 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
Ecorse Rd.
1220 – 911 welfare check, Village Green Ln.
1324 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1433 – lost property/child, Jeremy Rd.
1514 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.
1547 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1555 – neighbor trouble, Sylvia Dr.
1603 – larceny, Moms Dr.
1700 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1759 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
2358 – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse

Friday, May 21:

0026 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0041 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0128 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
0403 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
0515 – property damage accident, Mott/Denton
0732 – assist other dept., Hoeft Rd./Martz Rd.
0739 – family trouble, Briarcliff Dr.
0932 – family trouble, Briarcliff Dr.
1101 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1119 – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Sheldon
1133 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1235 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1334 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Haggerty Rd.
1409 – trespassing, Lohr Rd.
1422 – property damage accident, Van Born/I-275
1512 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1527 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Belleville Rd.
1551 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1856 – family trouble, Denton Rd.
1918 – threat, Churchill Dr.
1922 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94
Service Dr.
2025 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Walden Dr.
2354 – noise complaint, Cross St.

Saturday, May 22:

0000 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0045 – assist other dept., Belle Villa
0144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ventura Dr.
0245 – noise complaint, vista Dr.
0837 – malicious destruction of property, Pond
Bluff Dr.
0913 – family trouble, Borgman Ave.
1310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kent Dr.
1329 – larceny, Greenwood Ct.
1609 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1615 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1632 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1747 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1812 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1840 – missing person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1848 – sexual assault, Rose Blvd.
1942 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd. / S.
I-94 Service Dr.

1955 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2136 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
2200 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2208 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martinsville Rd.
2229 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.

Also on this week's log are 22 traffic stops, two of
which were on the EB I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 16:

0019 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park
0022 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0107 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0830 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.
1055 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1331 – 911 welfare check, High St.
1338 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1400 – welfare check, Carmell
1856 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
2034 – follow-up by officer, Edison Lake

Monday, May 17:

0208 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0843 – welfare check, Capistrano Ct.
1731 – threat, Owen St.
2051 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
2147 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.

Tuesday, May 18:

0011 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
0829 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
0904 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.
0912 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1642 – fraud, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, May 19:

0854 – private property impound, Loza Ln.
0924 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1541 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1631 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1653 – property damage accident, Menlo Park Dr.
2104 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.
2126 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.
2148 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Edgemont
2203 – traffic stop, First St./Main St.
2238 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell

Thursday, May 20:

0906 – traffic stop, First St./Main St.
0907 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, N. Liberty St./Denton Rd.
1138 – assist other dept., Carmell
1302 – neighbor trouble, Estrada
1351 – intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
1426 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Edgemont
1517 – 911 welfare check, Henry St.
1622 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
1629 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
2039 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, May 21:

0037 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0057 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0346 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
0542 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Liberty
0806 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.
0859 – traffic stop, Main St.
0942 – traffic stop, Main St.
0953 – malicious destruction of property, S.
Edgemont Ave./Greylock St.
1031 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
1126 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1400 – traffic stop, High St.
1412 – traffic stop, Third St.
1738 – traffic stop, Belle Plaza
2155 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

Saturday, May 22:

0037 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0255 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1312 – harassment call, Belle villa Blvd.
1449 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1931 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
2021 – traffic stop, High St./Edison St.
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2214 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2228 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2240 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

There were 34 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 16:

1019 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1223 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1244 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1654 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1721 – juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1850 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1918 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1945 – suspicious circumstance, Hampshire Dr.
1959 – suspicious circumstance, Martinsville Rd./
Willis Rd.
2054 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
2136 – juvenile complaint, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
2300 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville

Monday, May 17:

0826 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0852 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willow
1240 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1303 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1403 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1539 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1744 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1855 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
2024 – mental health call, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.

2132 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Carleton West

Tuesday, May 18:

0952 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1114 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1246 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1433 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Bemis
1934 – malicious destruction of property, 10000 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.

1947 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.

Wednesday, May 19:

0036 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
0743 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0827 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0852 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0907 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
0915 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0929 – property damage accident, Willis /
Rawsonville

1044 – lost/missing juvenile, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1413 – suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
1526 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1834 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1855 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1909 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. /

Brookview Dr.

2008 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2153 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2316 – suspicious circumstance, California St.

Thursday, May 20:

0442 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
0513 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0743 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0926 – alarm, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2000 – animal complaint, 27000 bl. Martinsville
2151 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Friday, May 21:

0051 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
0458 – missing person, Rustic Ln.
1052 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1422 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
1520 – suspicious vehicle, Country Club Blvd.
1613 – animal complaint, Delaware St.
2100 – suspicious circumstance, Greenmeadow
2124 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2223 – follow-up investigation, Country Club
2225 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.
2230 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willis

Saturday, May 22:

0055 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1131 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1405 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1733 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1756 – traffic complaint, Wear Rd./Rawsonville
1938 – obstruct police, Rustic Ln./Rawsonville
2151 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 48 patrol checks, 26 traffic
stops, and 11 misc. details.

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Belleville Farmers Market is ready to roll every Monday, starting June 7 in a new location: Fourth Street Place off Main in front of the Belleville library and next to the museum. The Belleville Central Business Community's Janet Millard has a mix of returning and new vendors offering items like baked goods, crafts, flowers, plants, and much more. The market will run from 4 until 7:30 p.m. thru September. See their ad in today's paper and be sure to support the sponsors listed. CDC guidelines are being followed. Be sure to check on the Monday evening car show that resumes June 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

American Family First, Inc. of Belleville provides one-on-one care for the elderly and individuals in the comfort of their own homes, and right now they have openings and would like to add new clients. Call Muhamud M and Ashara S at (734) 680-3803 or (734) 709-5288 and see their ad in today's paper. Visit www.americanfamilyfirst.com.

Armstrong Funland ice cream and miniature golf has re-opened after a couple of seasons being closed due to health reasons and last year because of the pandemic. Owners Leonard and Doreithy Armstrong and sons Leonard II, William and grandson Brandon are very glad to welcome back their customers, some from the days when they first opened in 1979. Their weekly car show is also set to resume on Wednesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. See their website for details. They're located at 8787

Belleville Road just north of Tyler Road and open seven days from noon until 9 p.m. Call (734) 699-3550 and visit them on Facebook and at www.armstrongsfunland.com.

Van Buren Pride/Van Buren Soccer Association is gearing up for a great season with open house and training at sessions on June 7 and June 10, with tryout times on June 12-13 all at Quirk Park behind the Van Buren Township Municipal Center at Tyler and Quirk Roads. Participants are asked to bring appropriate equipment such as a soccer ball, soccer shoes, and water bottles. For pricing and times, see their ad in today's paper and visit www.vanburenpride.gotspport.com.

Plumb Bob Automotive Fasteners and Fittings LLC, (PBA) is a one-stop shop for custom-built electrical, hydraulic, brake lines, battery cables, nuts and bolts, and everything in between for automotive, marine, and industrial applications. Owner Bob Balderston offers mobile service, too, and works out of his retail store at 6397 Middlebelt Road in Romulus. Call (734) 858-7095 and see his ad in today's paper.

I learned on Monday that Superior Auto & Truck Repair on Davis Street in Belleville is preparing for retirement and that an auction is coming up June 12, after 40 years of serving Belleville with repairs and general services. Everything from their 1998 GMC tow truck to forklifts, motorcycles, shop equipment, and tools will be going up for bid, with Rollo Juckette and Brad Neuhart Auctioning the event. See their ad in next week's paper.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

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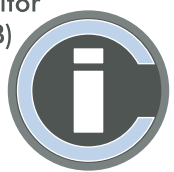
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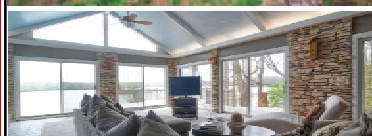
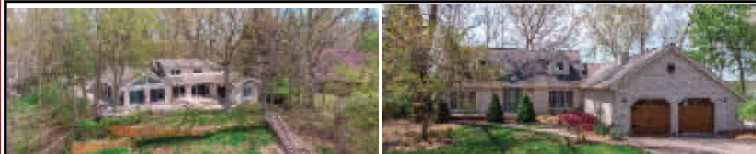
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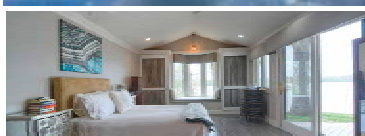


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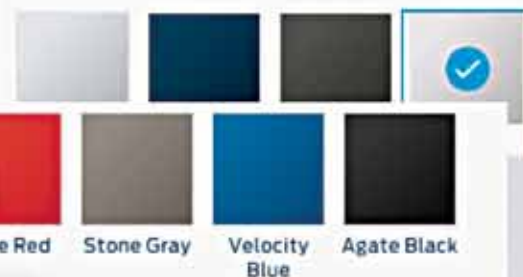
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